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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Sprague Road Widening in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Parma and the project is located at Sprague Road between York and W. 130<sup>th</sup> Parma, Ohio 44133.

The funding is designated to widen approximately 1.28 miles of Sprague Road in the cities of Parma and North Royalton. Currently, the intersection at Sprague Road and W. 130<sup>th</sup> does not have a turn radius capable of allowing large vehicles and buses to navigate right turns without encroaching into adjacent opposing traffic lanes. Additionally, the existing lane lines do not align, resulting in confusion for drives navigating the intersection. Lastly, obstructions along the edges of the intersection make pedestrian crossings non-ADA compliant. The project eliminates these issues and allows traffic to flow in a more consistent pattern. It includes total pavement replacement and widening, new sidewalks to fill in gaps in the pedestrian network, and conversion of open drainage ditches into an enclosed drainage system.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit drivers and pedestrians in the city of Parma. This project aims to minimize the number of accidents per year by improving traffic flow and reducing the ambiguity drivers' currently face at a key intersection in the city. The improvements will decrease delay times and reduce idling for over 15,000 vehicles that move through the intersection daily. This decrease in idling benefits air quality as emissions from vehicles will be reduced. Finally, upgrades to the sidewalk features will bring the intersection into ADA compliance, improving pedestrian safety.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Anthony Gonzalez  
Member of Congress  
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